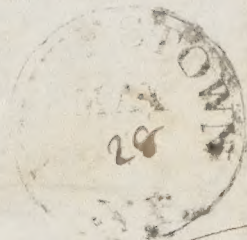


Remember me to Ann Ed-
ward; & any kind-hearted
inquirers. I thank you for
your friendly letter. God
bless you always & every
way.
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Rev. Amos A. Phelps,
Boston,
Mass.

not of it, which after so much delay, I hope now to put into
the mail. — I am still connected with the little church & con-
gregation in Whitboro', where as usual I carry on my pul-
pit operations. The people are able to give me some \$200. a year
for my support. I have hired a house & some 13 acres of land,
a little ways from the village of Whitboro'. I am exciding occu-
pied in one way & another; & hope, that I am not squandering my
time & strength altogether in vain. My books are worn to mud
than iron; especially the classics in Sacred Literature & Psychology.
— Even & anon, a new church, generally small, rises up on the
right hand or the left on the true foundation. The trials, they
must expect to encounter amidst the supporters of a false-
holding Christianity, I need not attempt to descinted. They
know the them, that are this. Till we have regard enough for
decency & honesty to remain all ecclesiastical connections,
with those, who can endure slavery; — alas! alas! for our char-
acter & prospects! We must be weaker than water. And the
cap-head of the Li. Bapt. Con. have put upon all compromi-
ses! O the glories of immersion! And our br. Colon can, I hope,
swallow down such a resolution! Dear Phelps, such organiza-
tions & Boards, including the A. B. C. F. M., are the dunghill,
on which all sorts of noxious, poisonous weeds may well be ex-
pected to grow. Think it. When Dr. Brisbane returned to set
his people free in S. C. he sought & found an ally in a Sep-
tic! No manhood like a slavery-inducing Christianity.
Yours affd. J. Green.

to struggle for his bread? It is very little to the credit of the professed friends of Freedom. But I remember that the wisest and the best of all the human family - the King of Man-kind was crucified! It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Master. Wright can better do without us than we without him. We need him as an editor in this State. And I believe we could and should sustain him. Even I, poor as I am at any such business, should have some hope of success in asking for assistance for Eliza Wright. But dear me! - It is so hard a task to get at the hearts, even of abolitionists! The Lord have mercy on us! How much we need men in the cause of Freedom, who like the six hundred soldiers from Marseilles, know how to die! We can of course attempt nothing for Wright, in the way of opening for him a field of usefulness, till he returns and expounds his own designs and plans.

The Oneida Institute! "Gone, gone; sold and gone!" We could not maintain its natural operations. We were in debt. We could not collect our dues, even from the anti-slavery public. The A. F. S. Society owes the Institution now hundreds of dollars! We saw no other way, surrounded as we were by bitter enemies and halfhearted friends, than to suspend our operations, and pay our debts as best we could. Hence our present condition. I have other business than to spend my time and strength in complaining. If our friends do not need our services, why should we urge ourselves upon them? The professed friends of Freedom have so many fruitless arrangements to maintain, among other things so many —; but never mind. Wisdom will be justified by her children. The Lord reigns!

May 27. I had finished & superscribed my letter, when on reviewing the paragraph, with which it was concluded, I determined to keep it at home. I asked my son to transcribe the

Rev. Beriah Green

Whitesboro' May 22. 1844.

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Whitesboro, May 22, 1844

My dear Brother:

I left the house of Gerrit Smith this morning. We had conversation respecting dear Wright and his family and prospects. Bro. Smith assured me that he should soon write to Susan, directing his letter to your care. He will, I doubt not, furnish some substantial proof of his regard for the Wrights. He is, I presume you know, greatly embarrassed. His debts hang heavily upon him. He has an immense estate in possession; but then his liabilities! He can not make such princely benefactions for any object, as formerly he made. But his heart is, I think, as great and gracious as ever.

Dear Susan! Her trials are certainly heavy and complicated. How many of the dear little ones has she not been called to part with! And then such struggles to get through, day by day, with her daily tasks! And now the absence of her husband! And the confusion and distress consequent upon the fire! May the Savior lift upon her the light of His countenance! May His grace be sufficient for her! Give her our love - our hearty love - the love of us all.

It is strange enough that Wright should for a moment lack a field of activity among us. Such a head and heart! Such native vigor with such high cultivation! So enterprising, true and faithful. Where, every thing taken into the account, shall we find his superior? Early active in the great cause of Humanity; so wise and powerful in his exertions, shall he be left

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